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Washington Crop Weather

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Typical Early November Weather Potato Digging Wound Down

Field Crops

Washington experienced a typical early November week with rain, cool mornings, followed by warmer afternoons with some sun. More rainfall continued to bring relief to crops, fall pastures, rangeland, and moisture conditions. Corn harvest for grain continued while potato digging wound down. Christmas tree harvest was in full swing and being shipped throughout the United States as well as foreign markets.

Livestock

Range and pasture conditions were 3% very poor, 5% poor, 38% fair, 52% good, and 2% excellent. Some fourth cutting alfalfa was rained on in Grant County. Livestock was being rotated on pastures and being fed on supplemental hay. Cattle continued to be moved to market.

Fruits and Vegetables

Apple harvest was complete. Home gardeners continued raking leaves and building compost piles.

Days Suitable for Fieldwork

Week	Days
This Week	3.5
Last Week	2.0

Moisture and Supply

Item	Percent			
	VS	SH	AD	S
Topsoil	5	13	58	24
Topsoil 5 Yr Avg	8	35	55	2
Subsoil	16	30	41	13
Subsoil 5 Yr Avg	11	45	44	0
Irrigation Water	4	6	89	1
Hay & Roughage	2	12	81	5

VS=Very Short SH=Short AD=Adequate S=Surplus

Crop Progress

Crop/Activity	Percent Completed			
	This Week	Last Week	2004	5 Yr. Avg.
Winter Wheat Planted	99	99	100	100
Winter Wheat Emerged	93	90	95	97
Potatoes Harvested	98	94	99	100

Crop Condition*

Crop	% Acreage				
	VP	P	F	G	EX
Winter Wheat Dryland	2	2	40	44	12
Winter Wheat Irrigated	0	0	20	45	35

VP=Very Poor P=Poor F=Fair G=Good EX=Excellent

* Crop conditions are a measurement of the growing conditions and are not indicative of the quality of the crop produced.

COUNTY COMMENTS

Western

Grays Harbor: The Christmas tree harvest was in full swing as growers race to fill wholesale orders. Trees from Grays Harbor County were being shipped throughout the United States as well as foreign markets. Daily rainfall with super saturated soils have made for less than ideal harvest conditions. There has still not been a killing frost in many parts of the county. Home gardeners continued raking leaves and building compost piles.

Grays Harbor/Lewis/Pacific: Wet, and windy weather.

Mason: Two inches of rain this past week. Cattle are still being fed out on pastures. Mild temperatures with no hard frost yet this year. The ground was pretty saturated, the ponds were full.

Mason (2nd Report): Christmas Tree growers were ramping up for the U-Pick season. Less rain, meant more field time for most producers. Some areas of the county experienced frost for the first time. Winter preparations were in full swing. Livestock were still being rotated on some pastures.

Pierce/South King: Not much has changed from last week's report. The few sunny days have not been enough to dry out

the fields so producers can get out on them. Crop conditions remained normal for this time of year. No unusual situations to report. No report of crop damage due to a weather event.

Snohomish/King: Wet fall weather continued with showers through the week and cool temperatures. Pasture growth slow. Little fieldwork being done except on Christmas trees. Home gardeners were still cleaning up fallen leaves and getting gardens ready for winter.

Thurston: Agricultural activity continued to be very limited due to daily rainfall. Most fields were super saturated to the point there were numerous surface water lakes. Turfgrass growers were challenged with harvesting under less than ideal conditions due to muddy fields. Christmas tree harvest was now in full swing with growers filling wholesale orders destined for both U.S. and foreign markets. Some Ag producers made the most of the rainy weather by doing equipment maintenance and repairs inside. Home gardeners continued raking leaves.

Whatcom: Rain showers fell six days this past week. Temperatures were normal for the season.

Central

Grant: Thirty percent of the fourth cutting of hay was ruined by rain.

Okanogan/Ferry: The county received up to a half inch of precipitation in the form of rain and snow. Most cattle were still out on fall pastures.

Yakima: Average temperatures varied from six degrees below normal to nine degrees above normal, with .14 of an inch of precipitation. No crop damage due to weather conditions was reported.

Eastern

Adams: Precipitation near the end of the week was beneficial but more was going to be needed to maintain and improve the current winter wheat crop.

Asotin/Garfield: Showers continued throughout the week and benefitted both crops and rangeland.

Lincoln: Winter wheat crops looked good going into the winter.

Lincoln (2nd Report): The water for livestock was still in severe conditions.

Lincoln (3rd Report): Precipitation near the end of week was a step to improving soil moisture conditions but additional precipitation is needed.

Pend Oreille: Temperatures for the week were 42 degrees for the highs and 21 degrees for the lows. Two snow days with hail and rain. Most pasture lands had frozen grounds with grasses showing very little growth. Livestock was being supplemented with hay and grain as the temperatures continued to drop by a few degrees each day. Very little sun with overcast most days, the shortened days limit the growth cycle.

Pend Oreille/Spokane: A typical early November week with rain, snow and some sun. Temperatures were such that it was cold enough to snow in the morning and melt by mid afternoon. A few people were still working on finishing up some fall tillage, but for the most part the tractors were being cleaned and put away for the winter. Cattlemen were starting to supplement the feed with hay, just another sign that winter is not far away.

Stevens: The county received good moisture several times in the last week. Minor snowfall occurred twice. A few alfalfa producers applied gopher bait to alfalfa fields. Calves continued to move to market.

Walla Walla: Received more rainfall this past week which improved the condition of growing crops and rangeland. There's still much concern expressed by area cattlemen that fall pastures were in poor condition due to the drought.

Whitman: More rainfall brought continued relief to crop conditions and low subsoil and topsoil moisture deficits. Most fieldwork has been completed but some producers have indicated that they are still waiting to finish up the last little bit that is left.

Weekly Weather Statistics

November 14, 2005

Station	Air Temperature				Growing Degree Days				Last Week Precipitation			Season Precipitation			
	LO	HI	AVG	DFN	Base 50F		Base 60F		Total			Total		% Normal	Days
					TOT	DFN	TOT	DFN	Inches	DFN	Days	Inches	DFN		
WEST															
Bellingham	38	53	44	-1	0	-7	0	0	0.97	-0.19	6	8.68	1.26	117	40
Everett	38	53	45	0	0	-7	0	0	0.38	-0.73	4	6.54	-0.66	91	36
Hoquiam	37	54	45	-4	0	-8	0	0	2.50	0.18	7	16.85	3.29	124	44
Kelso	33	55	45	-2	0	-7	0	0	1.11	-0.38	4	9.89	1.10	113	33
Olympia	30	56	43	-1	0	-4	0	0	1.60	-0.23	6	12.80	3.02	131	42
Sea-Tac	38	54	45	-2	0	-7	0	0	1.25	-0.07	5	6.01	-1.42	81	33
Shelton	29	54	42	-5	0	-7	0	0	1.76	-0.55	6	15.73	3.51	129	40
Tacoma	30	59	44	-2	0	-7	0	0	0.95	-0.41	6	8.30	0.70	109	33
Vancouver	29	60	46	0	3	-4	0	0	1.00	-0.31	4	8.60	1.15	115	34
CENTRAL															
Ellensburg	25	56	39	2	0	0	0	0	0.25	-0.02	3	2.52	1.02	168	16
Stampede Pass	28	47	34	4	0	0	0	0	2.15	-0.58	6	19.92	5.21	135	40
Wenatchee	27	52	38	-2	0	-7	0	0	0.14	-0.11	1	1.85	0.57	145	13
Yakima AP	21	57	38	-3	0	-7	0	0	0.14	-0.07	1	1.93	0.69	156	15
NORTHEAST															
Colville	25	87	40	4	12	12	2	2	0.33	-0.26	2	3.21	-0.18	95	20
Deer Park	21	52	35	-3	0	0	0	0	0.66	0.09	4	4.41	1.46	149	27
Spokane AP	27	51	37	0	0	0	0	0	0.42	-0.06	4	3.31	0.77	130	23
EAST CENTRAL															
Ephrata	22	51	38	-3	0	-7	0	0	0.46	0.25	1	2.68	1.51	229	15
Moses Lake	22	51	38	-3	0	-7	0	0	0.38	0.17	1	2.23	1.06	191	14
Quincy	25	50	39	-1	0	-5	0	0	0.33	0.08	2	2.44	1.10	182	15
Ritzville	23	48	37	-2	0	-2	0	0	0.37	0.02	3	2.76	0.80	141	20
SOUTHEAST															
Hanford	25	54	40	-5	0	-7	0	0	0.00	-0.21	0	0.58	-0.53	52	8
Pasco	23	60	44	0	2	-5	0	0	0.28	0.07	3	1.88	0.60	147	16
Pullman	30	56	41	2	0	-7	0	0	0.21	-0.39	5	1.52	-1.95	44	20
Whitman Miss.	23	56	41	-3	0	-7	0	0	0.40	-0.02	4	2.27	-0.17	93	26
ID PANHANDLE															
Coeur D'A' AP	25	54	38	-3	0	-3	0	0	0.06	-0.68	1	1.82	-2.26	45	17
Lewiston ID	33	58	44	2	1	-6	0	0	0.17	-0.11	2	2.15	0.00	100	15

Summary based on NWS data.

Season Cumulative Precip Starts: Wednesday September 1, 2004

DFN = Departure From Normal (Using 1961-90 Normals Period).

NA = Data Unavailable

Precipitation (rain or melted snow/ice) in inches.

Precipitation Days = Days with precip of 0.01 inch or more.

Air Temperatures in Degrees Fahrenheit.

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